

July 2011 Overview

Shasta-Trinity Backcountry Trail Crew

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Story of the Season: A new month, a new camp (or two). We celebrated the 4th of July with brats and kebobs after the snow allowed us our first epic weekend trips to Eagle Peak along the Pacific Crest Trail and Stoddard Lake. The following week we packed our camp at the North Fork of Coffee Creek and hiked out to the trailhead where the crew was met with ice cold sodas from the trail foreman, Leif Lastine, a lovely gesture indeed! After spending the night at Goldfield Campground we rallied up the Boulder Lakes trailhead to our new camp at Boulder Creek only to turn around and execute a wild brushing mission to clear a path that the pack train could get through. Long day, people! Our main goals for work during this camp have been brushing the trails to Lion Lake, Boulder Lake, and Little Boulder Lake. We also logged out, and cleared drains on said trails. With time left over we have begun project work on the Little Boulder trail putting in checks, rock walls, and water bars. The project work was appreciated by the Backcountry Horsemen who were bringing in horses and mules to stock Little Boulder Lake with big, beautiful trout. (No doubt by the time you read this those fish will have been caught and consumed by yours truly ☺). The crew was glad to work with the Ascend Wilderness Experience, a youth group (15-18) that goes on hikes and does volunteer work with the Forest Service. The two days they worked with us brought many smiles and plenty of youthful energy. Thanks to leaders Michael Bradford, Molly Wasko and the gang at Ascend!

The weather has continued to throw us curve balls. Just as we were getting used to hot weather, Ol' Ma Nature decided to go back to freezing thunderstorms. As I write the skies are clear again with warm weather trying again to become a mainstay. The crew on a whole has been grabbing the bull by the horns on weekends racking up miles and seeing grandeur by the ton. Destinations this month include: Red Rock Mountain, Black Mountain, Foster Lake, Preachers Peak, Poison Canyon, and Union Lake. That sums up the general report for the month so until next time, Happy Trails! Props to Jesse Gordon for the outline of this report.

FESTIVITIES/CELBATIONS: The crew celebrated Maura Callahan's birthday on the 6th with a Nacho Dinner and festive piñata. Our cook Amber Moore also had a birthday on the 27th and the crew celebrated her with Halloween festivities and a sweet dance party. David Ybarra and Tyler Fogg were like James Brown vs. Michael Jackson. Matt Miceli and Taryn Dixon led the crew in an awesome musical PT to the music of Poison Cake, and the Seng Safety Dance. This should have been caught on video!

PERSONNEL: We would like to thank Kit Newton for doing a stellar job filling in for Amber as our cook in June. We would also like to wish Tony Martino good luck in his future endeavors as he has decided to move on.

CURRICULUM: We have continued crew member life stories, Jose Rodriguez did a knot class, and Tyler Fogg led a discussion on the definition of community.